

ALTAPASS ALLEGORIES

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September 11, 2001, will live on in the hearts and minds of this country. This is as it should be. Some three thousand souls went out into eternity without warning. Thirteen years have passed since that awful day. Museums and plaques with victims' names now stand on the grounds of that terrible tragedy. It is good to remember. Let us never forget those that died that day and the evil that caused such an event.

When we think of such atrocious acts, whether it has taken the life of one unborn child or thousands of innocent victims, we can be certain the devil is responsible. It is clearly evident satan has no regard for life. God is the only One who can give life and only God has the right to take life. It is the age old battle between good and evil. Simply put, God is good and satan is evil. No matter what great tragedy occurs we can be assured of this one thing: God was there! A perfect cross was left standing in the rubble after the twin towers collapsed. That was no accident. God was there.

As the ceremonies were held to recognize those that died it was said that no religion would be allowed to speak. In other words, praying and/or preaching would not be permitted. Be that as it may, I heard a group do a beautiful rendition of "Amazing Grace". God was there. One lady made a short speech in memory of her father and ended with a simple phrase, "God Bless America". God was there.

As tragic as 9/11 was, evil did not end (nor start) there. Abortion is still legal. Children are being kidnapped and murdered. Recent news casts told of two young journalists being beheaded by evil men. I know if the two young men knew Christ as their personal Lord and Saviour, He was there. In those final moments He made Himself known.

In all cases one thing is certain. No matter how hurtful or horrific the situation, God is there. If we look for Him, He will make Himself known. It may be as dramatic as a cross in an unexpected place or as simple as a song or a well known phrase. He will make Himself known to those who love Him and look for Him. He promised He would be there and He cannot break His promises.

When your life seems so dark you cannot see ahead, look around you. Listen carefully. God is there. He is the "God of all Comfort" (II Corinthians 1-3). He will never leave you to face the pain and sorrow alone. He will make Himself known.